

3. In the PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY published in 1896, there is a Biographical Sketch of James Russell in which it states (in part):

"James Russell was the eldest son of John and Christina (Anderson) Russell, born in Ayrshire, Scotland, in June 1815. During the Summer of 1840 the family emigrated to the United States, locating first at McAlla City in Clifford Township, Susquehanna County, Pa. Within seven weeks after their arrival in this country the father died, and the eldest son was called upon to take his place as manager of the family affairs. In the Spring of 1841 the family purchased a tract of land, partly cleared, near Crystal Lake, in the Township of Fell, where the family home was erected and maintained until the death of the widowed mother, in March 1861. In the year 1847 James Russell purchased the farm property that still bears his name, and the first day of January, 1851, witnessed his marriage to Margaret Locke of Carbondale..."

Where specifically is the farm that Mrs. John Russell (nee Christina Anderson) bought in the Spring of 1841 near Crystal Lake in the Township of Fell wherein the widowed Mrs. John Russell and children lived until the death of Mrs. John Russell in March 1861?

At the conclusion of the original manuscript of "The Story of the Russell Homestead" (currently in the possession of Helen Loomis Russell Powell) Aunt Eleanor writes: "Dear Helen, From this point on please fill in the history. (1) The original farm (its size). (2) The farms adjoining it purchased by James Russell. (3) Other additional facts up to and including the present ownership."

Which are the farms that were purchased by James Russell after he acquired the Russell Homestead, having bought same from his sister, Christina, probably in mid-June 1844?